

2007

Notice and Instructions for Requesting Your Economic Stimulus Payment



WHAT?

You may have heard that the United States Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, which provides for economic stimulus payments to be made to over 130 million American households. The payments will be made starting in May, 2008. **But to receive a payment you have to file a 2007 tax return.**

WHO?

If you have already filed a 2007 tax return or will be filing a return, you do not have to do anything more to receive your economic stimulus payment. Once you file the return, the IRS will determine eligibility, figure the amount, and send you the payment.

If you do not have to file a 2007 tax return for tax purposes, you still need to file a return in order to receive an economic stimulus payment. You are eligible for a payment if you have a total of \$3,000 or more in qualifying income. Qualifying income is—

- Earned income;
- Social security benefits;
- Certain veterans benefits; and
- Nontaxable combat pay.

If you qualify under this income test, you will receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 if married filing jointly). In addition, you will also receive an additional payment of \$300 for each child qualifying for the child tax credit in 2007.

HOW?

File a simple version of a Form 1040A to receive your economic stimulus payment. You may use the enclosed Form 1040A.

WHEN?

You must file the Form 1040A with the IRS by December 1, 2008.



IRS

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
www.irs.gov

Filing Instructions

If you are not required to file a 2007 tax return but want to receive an economic stimulus payment, you should fill out and file the enclosed Form 1040A. You only have to fill in a few lines of information. Take a look at the sample Form 1040A (also enclosed) to see which lines need to be filled in.

Specific instructions for filling out your Form 1040A are as follows.

Top of the Form.

Across the top of the form, write the words “Stimulus Payment.”

Label

Fill in your name, address, and social security number in the spaces provided. Also, fill in your spouse’s name and social security number if you are married.



You are not eligible for an economic stimulus payment if you or your spouse do not have a valid social security number. Individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) are not acceptable.

Filing Status

Check only the filing status that applies to you.

Single. Check the box on line 1 if you were not married or you were legally separated on December 31, 2007.

Married filing jointly. Check the box on line 2 if any of the following apply.

- You were married at the end of 2007.
- Your spouse died in 2007 and you did not remarry in 2007.
- You were married at the end of 2007, and your spouse died before you file this return.

Exemptions

Lines 6a and 6b. Check the box on line 6a, “Yourself,” unless you can be claimed as a dependent on another person’s return. Check the box on line 6b, “Spouse,” if you checked the box on line 2 above and your spouse cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person’s return. In the box to the right, enter the number of boxes you checked on lines 6a and 6b.

Line 6c. If a child under the age of 17 lived with you for more than half of 2007, you may have a “qualifying child” for the child tax credit. For more information and assistance in determining whether your child is a qualifying child for the child tax credit, see pages 18-20 of the 2007 Instructions for Form 1040A or call 1-800-829-1040. If you have a qualifying child or children, fill in the child(ren)’s name, social security number, and relationship to you (or your spouse, if applicable) in the spaces provided. Also, remember to check the box in column (4). You only need to list on line 6c qualifying children for the child tax credit.



A child must have a valid social security number to be a qualifying child. Individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) and adoption taxpayer identification numbers (ATINs) are not acceptable.

Income

Line 7. Enter the total of your wages, salaries, tips, etc. that you received in 2007. For most people, the amount to enter on this line (if any) should be shown in box 1 of their Form(s) W-2.

If you are self-employed or a partner in a partnership, and you are not required to file an income tax return because you had less than \$400 in net earning from self-employment, also include on line 7 any income you earned as a self-employed person or as a partner in a partnership.

If you didn’t have any of this type of income in 2007, enter -0- on this line.

Line 14a. Enter the total of any payments you received in 2007 for veterans disability and death benefits, and social security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits. If you do not know the exact amount of these benefits, you may

estimate the amount received by multiplying your monthly benefit, prior to any deductions for withheld taxes or Medicare premiums, by the number of months during 2007 you received the benefit.

Line 40b. Enter your nontaxable combat pay. This amount is reported to you in box 12 of your Form(s) W-2 with code Q.

Refund

Lines 44b through 44d. If you want your economic stimulus payment directly deposited to your checking or savings account, complete lines 44b through 44d. Otherwise, we will send you a check. You can find the information on one of your checks, as seen on the sample check below.

Sample Check—Lines 44b Through 44d

Rufus Maple
Mary Maple
1234 Main Street
Anytown, LA 70000

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

1234
15-0000/0000

\$ []
DOLLARS

ANYTOWN BANK
Anytown, LA 70000

For

⑆50250025⑆ 20202086 1234

Routing number (line 44b)
Account number (line 44d)
Do not include the check number

Line 44b. The routing number must be nine digits. The first two digits must be 01 through 12 or 21 through 32. On the sample check above, the routing number is 250250025.

Line 44c. Check the appropriate box for the type of account. Do not check more than one box.

Line 44d. The account number can be up to 17 characters (both numbers and letters). Include hyphens but omit spaces and special symbols. Enter the number from left to right and leave any unused boxes blank. On the sample check above, the account number is 20202086. Do not include the check number.

Sign Here

Form 1040A is not considered a valid return unless you sign it. If you are filing a joint return, your spouse must also sign. Also, be sure to date your return. Enter your daytime phone number in the space provided.

Child's return. If your child cannot sign the return, either parent can sign the child's name in the space provided. Then, enter "By (your signature), parent for minor child."

Mail Your Return

See the back cover for filing instructions and addresses.

Write the words "Stimulus Payment" across the top of the form you file.

Label
(See page 15.)

Use the IRS label.

Otherwise, please print or type.

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L A B E L H E R E	Your first name and initial <i>John E.</i>	Last name <i>Michaels</i>
	If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial <i>Susan R.</i>	Last name <i>Michaels</i>
	Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see page 15. <i>1040 Main Street</i>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, see page 15. <i>Hometown, TX 77099</i>	

Your social security number
011 : 00 : 2222

Spouse's social security number
011 : 00 : 1111

▲ You must enter your SSN(s) above. ▲

Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 15) You Spouse

Filing status

Check only one box.

- 1 Single
- 2 Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)
- 3 Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶
- 4 Head of household (with qualifying person). (See page 16.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶
- 5 Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see page 17)

Exemptions

6a Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, **do not check** box 6a.

b Spouse

c Dependents:

(1) First name Last name

(2) Dependent's social security number

(3) Dependent's relationship to you

(4) if qualifying child for child tax credit (see page 18)

If more than six dependents, see page 18.

Boxes checked on 6a and 6b

No. of children on 6c who:

• lived with you

• did not live with you due to divorce or separation (see page 19)

Dependents on 6c not entered above

If you were self-employed or a partner, include the amount you would enter on Schedule SE, line 3.

d Total number of exemptions claimed.

Add numbers on lines above ▶

Income

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Form(s) 1099-R if tax was withheld.

If you did not get a W-2, see page 21.

Enclose, but do not attach, any payment.

Social security, tier 1 railroad retirement, and veterans disability and death benefits

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2.		7
8a Taxable interest. Attach Schedule 1 if required.		8a
b Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 8a.		8b
9a Ordinary dividends. Attach Schedule 1 if required.		9a
b Qualified dividends (see page 22).		9b
10 Capital gain distributions (see page 22).		10
11a IRA distributions.	11a	11b Taxable amount (see page 22).
		11b
12a Pensions and annuities.	12a	12b Taxable amount (see page 23).
		12b
13 Unemployment compensation and Alaska Permanent Fund dividends.		13
14a Social security benefits.	14a	14b Taxable amount (see page 25).
		14b
15 Add lines 7 through 14b (far right column). This is your total income.		15
16 Educator expenses (see page 25).		16
17 IRA deduction (see page 27).		17
18 Student loan interest deduction (see page 29).		18
19 Tuition and fees deduction. Attach Form 8917.		19
20 Add lines 16 through 19. These are your total adjustments.		20
21 Subtract line 20 from line 15. This is your adjusted gross income.		21

Label (See page 15.)

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Otherwise, please print or type.

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Adjusted gross income

Personal information section including name, address, and social security numbers.

Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 15)

Filing status options: Single, Married filing jointly, Married filing separately, Head of household, Qualifying widow(er).

Exemptions section with table for dependents and total number of exemptions claimed.

Income section with table for wages, interest, dividends, IRA, pensions, unemployment, and social security benefits.

Adjusted gross income section with table for educator expenses, IRA deduction, student loan interest, and tuition/fees.

Tax, credits, and payments

Standard Deduction for—
• People who checked any box on line 23a or 23b or who can be claimed as a dependent, see page 30.
• All others:
Single or Married filing separately, \$5,350
Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$10,700
Head of household, \$7,850

If you have a qualifying child, attach Schedule EIC.

Refund

Direct deposit? See page 52 and fill in 44b, 44c, and 44d or Form 8888.

Amount you owe

Third party designee

Sign here

Joint return? See page 15. Keep a copy for your records.

Paid preparer's use only

Form 1040A (2007) main body containing lines 22 through 47, and sections for third party designee, signature, and paid preparer's use only.

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Filing status options: Single, Married filing jointly, Married filing separately, Head of household, Qualifying widow(er).

Table for Exemptions (6a-6c) with columns for dependent name, social security number, relationship, and child for tax credit.

d Total number of exemptions claimed.

Income section table with rows for Wages (7), Taxable interest (8a, 8b), Dividends (9a, 9b), Capital gain distributions (10), IRA distributions (11a, 11b), Pensions and annuities (12a, 12b), Unemployment compensation (13), Social security benefits (14a, 14b), and Total Income (15).

Adjusted gross income section table with rows for Educator expenses (16), IRA deduction (17), Student loan interest deduction (18), Tuition and fees deduction (19), Total adjustments (20), and Adjusted gross income (21).

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Where Do You File?

IF you live in...	THEN use this address:
Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Atlanta, GA 39901-0099
District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Andover, MA 05501-0099
Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Kansas City, MO 64999-0099
Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, APO, FPO	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Austin, TX 73301-0099
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Fresno, CA 93888-0099
American Samoa, nonpermanent residents of Guam or the Virgin Islands*, Puerto Rico (or if excluding income under Internal Revenue Code section 933), dual-status aliens, a foreign country: U.S. citizens and those filing Form 4563	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Austin, TX 73301-0099 USA

* Permanent residents of Guam should use: Department of Revenue and Taxation, Government of Guam, P.O. Box 23607, GMF, GU 96921; permanent residents of the Virgin Islands should use: V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue, 9601 Estate Thomas, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

What's Inside?

Contents of this package include Instructions, an illustrative form, two copies of Form 1040A, and an envelope.

Did you remember to write the words "STIMULUS PAYMENT" on the top of your form before mailing?

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 218499
Kansas City, MO 64121

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Penalty for Private Use, \$300

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Requested

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